3. Assam Rifles: In 1985, Government sanctioned 10 additional Bns., and all the Bns. have become operational.

4. ITBP: The Government sanctioned 12 additional Bns. out of which 6 Bns. have become operational for bank security duties in Punjab. The remaining 6 Bns. for increasing vigilance on Indo-Tibet border will be raised in a period of 3 years starting from 1988-89 @ 2 Bns. per year.

Anti-national activities in Srinagar

791. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether groups raising pro-Pakistan and anti-India slogans indulged in arson, looting and other anti-national activities in Srinagar on April 11, 1988, following the blast in an ammunition dump in Pakistan; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps have been taken to round up such anti-national elements in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have reported that there were incidents of violence in Srinagar and other places, ostensibly in sympathy with the victims of the arms blast in ammunition dump in Pakistan. The miscreants are reported to have forced shopkeepers to close their shops in order to observe *hartal*, caused obstruction to traffic, pelted stones at passing vehicles and a number of people including police officials, received injuries.

(b) As informed by the State Government over 100 persons have been arrested in cases of violence.

Export of red sander logs

792. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought permission to export red sander logs from the State:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have banned the export of sander logs since 1984 and allowed the export of half-finished red sander products; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to give permission to the Andhra Pradesh Government to export red sander logs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Since 1983-84, exports of Red Sanders wood in the form of chips|processed timber|powder have been permitted from time to time under OGL-3.

(c) Does not arise.

Reviving of sick units

793. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to revive the sick units in which more than Rs. 3000 crores is blocked or propose to recover this sum; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that total outstanding bank

credit against 1,47,740 sick industrial units stood at Rs. 4874.49 crores as at the end of Decmeber 1986 (latest available).

Guidelines have been issued from time to time by RBI impressing on banks the need for regular monitoring of borrowal accounts and to draw rehabilitation packages in respect of such sick industrial units as are found potentially viable. Phased repayment of Bank's dues are contemplated in the packages which may contain reliefs|concessions like reduced rates of interest, funding of irregularities, waiving of penal interest, etc. As regards non-viable units, banks resort to suitable action for the recovery of their dues which include, *inter-alia*, sale of goods hypothecated to the bank, enforcement of security available against the borrower|or guarantor etc.

Financial discipline

794. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort is being made to effect financial discipline by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) While formulating the Budget Estimates 1988-89 various aspects of financial discipline were taken into consideration and are reflected in the Budget estimates presented to Parliament on 29-2-1988. Further a number of measures to bring about economy in expenditure like restrictions on expenses on travel, entertainment, inessential seminars and conferences, publications, purchase of furniture|furnishings, fuel consumption etc. have been indicated to various Ministries|Departments. They have also been advised to priorities various programmes and schemes undertaken by them so that inessential and low priority items of expenditure can be eliminated

Spurt in sick units

795. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for sudden spurt in the number of sick units in the country after 1980; and

(b) what steps were taken during this period to check such problem in industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) The (Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that number of sick industrial units increased from 24,550 as at the end of Dec. 1980 to 1,47,740 as at the end of December 1986.

The Reserve Bank of India has also reported that several factors contribute to industrial sickness which *inter-alia* include improper project planning and implementation, obsolete machinery, delay in modernisation of units, managerial incompetence, mis-management, power shortages, market constraints labour problems, etc.

(b) Guidelines have been issued by RBI to banks from time to time impressing upon them, *inter alia*, the need for identification of sickness at incipient stage itself, watching for warning signals and symptoms of sickness, timely reporting by branches to controlling authorities and initiating timely corrective action. Banks have also been advised to evolve rehabilitation packages for potentially viable sick industrial units. Where term lending institutions are involved, rehabilitation packages are prepared by them in consultation with banks and other agencies concerned. Under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction may also suggest, *inter alia*,